

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

Mrs. Roosevelt to Receive at White House Monday Afternoon From 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Hale's Luncheon at the Country Club.

White House.
Mrs. Roosevelt has sent out cards for a reception Monday, January 5, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Luncheons.
Miss Sherrill entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of the Baroness von Palm, niece of the Austrian ambassador.

Mrs. Hale gave a luncheon for young people at the Country Club yesterday. Her guests were Miss Roosevelt, Miss Eleanor Roosevelt, and Miss Margaret Dix, of New York, who are visiting the White House; the Misses Warder, Miss McCauley, Miss Janet Fish, of New York; Miss Postelthwaite, Richard Derby and Edward Bowditch, of Harvard; John Sallentall, Lieutenant McCauley, Mr. Postelthwaite, Mr. Wallach, and Frederick Hale.

Weddings.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hoy have sent out invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Martha, to Pierre Rogestvsky, second secretary of the Russian embassy, to take place Tuesday, January 20. The ceremony will be celebrated by the pastor of the Greek Church in New York, Bishop Tikon, at the Hoy home in Connecticut Avenue. Owing to the limitations of the house but few people have been invited to the ceremony. Upon their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Rogestvsky will live at Chevy Chase until they leave for Europe, where they purpose spending the summer.

Hamilton Loid, of this city, and Mrs. Gertrude S. Nelson Walters, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were married by the Rev. H. S. Ewell, December 30, 1902, at the residence of Dr. Ewell, in Alexandria. Mr. and Mrs. Loid will reside in Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles Parrish has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Eleanor Parrish, and Joseph H. Bradley, of this city, on Wednesday, January 14, at noon, at the Church of the Epiphany. Miss Parrish is the niece of the late Bishop Stevens, of Philadelphia. The bride, who is the daughter of the late Charles Parrish, of Wilkes-Barre, will be given away by her uncle, Mr. William L. Conyngham, of the same place.

Teas and Receptions.
Mrs. George Peters introduced her daughter, Miss Grace Peters, at a tea at her home in Columbia Road yesterday afternoon. The debutante wore one of the prettiest gowns seen this season. It was of pearl embroidered mousseline de soie over tulle. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Peters was assisted in receiving by Miss Wainwright, Miss Bayne, Miss Mason, Miss Eleanor Bartlett, Miss Towers, and Miss Baker. Mrs. C. A. Snow, Mrs. Dudley, Miss Brown, and Miss Droop presided in the dining room.

The Peruvian Minister and Madame Calderon will introduce their daughter, Miss Adelina Alvarez Calderon, at a tea this afternoon.

Madame Hengelmuller will receive the members of the Diplomatic Corps tomorrow afternoon, when his colleagues will congratulate Ambassador Hengelmuller on his promotion to the highest grade in the diplomatic service.

Mrs. Arthur Jeffrey Parsons gave a tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Nina Hopkins, of Boston, the niece of Mr. Parsons. Mrs. Parsons was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Howells, Mrs. Ward Thoron, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Hitchcock, daughter of the Secretary of the Interior, Miss Bates, Miss Warder, Miss Parker, Miss Train, Miss Nott, Miss Hopkins, Miss Glover, Miss De Smirnov.

Madame Hengelmuller, who is still indisposed from her recent long illness, will not receive on Saturdays until January 24.

Mrs. George Sternberg will receive this afternoon at her new home, 2144 California Avenue, and on the two following Saturdays.

Mme. Takahira, wife of the Japanese minister, will not receive today, but will be at home next Saturday, and for the remaining Saturdays in January.

Mrs. George Winchester Stone will receive this afternoon at 215 P Street.

Mrs. George B. Williams will not receive today, but will receive next Saturday.

Mrs. George C. Gorham will not receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe will not resume her reception day for the season until Monday, January 12.

Notes.
Miss Ruth Snyder, the niece of Charles Tower, American ambassador at Berlin, who has been visiting Mrs. Hengelmuller since Monday, left for her home in Philadelphia yesterday.

The Lawrence Boys gave an entertainment at the home of Melvin C. Walters, 949 L Street, Wednesday evening, December 31, 1902. The evening was devoted to games and music. Refreshments were served at 10:30 o'clock, and

the company separated at midnight. Among those present were Miss Z. Allen, Miss L. Connor, Miss M. Connor, Miss Dalton, Miss J. Gorman, E. Hunter, Miss J. Pettit, Miss C. Reichenbach, Miss H. Seltz, Miss G. Walters, and Miss M. Walters, and H. Bergman, C. Dyrreing, J. Hemmerly, C. Ockershausen, E. Ockershausen, E. Spanier, W. Shedd, and M. C. Walters.

Arthur W. Sparks, of Washington, was recently admitted to the School of Beaux Arts, at Paris. In the competition for the scholarship he received a high mark, and his future promises to be a brilliant one. Mr. Sparks was formerly a pupil of Mr. Helmick, of Georgetown.

Miss Evelyn Lee Fitzhugh, of Lexington, Ky., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daisy Fitzhugh Ayres, at 2305 Washington Circle.

The Charity Ball.
The Charity Ball last night was the most successful one in the annals of society and the receipts represent a handsome sum. The reception of guests and dancing took place in the ball and banqueting rooms of the New Willard, which were decorated, one in pink and the other in pale green. Supper was served in the dining room on the first floor at small tables, decorated with bouquets of roses. It was late when the company began to assemble, but by midnight the rooms were crowded.

Mrs. William R. Merriam, as chairman of the ball committee, received the guests, assisted by Mrs. Corbin. Mrs. Merriam wore a handsome black velvet gown elaborately trimmed with cut jet and carried a large bouquet of American Beauty roses, lilies of the valley and violets. Mrs. Corbin's costume was of white liberty satin appliqued with point d'Alencon lace. She wore her hand-somest jewels, a tiara of diamonds and a pearl necklace and carried a large bouquet of red and white roses.

The patronesses, nearly all of whom were present, are:
Lady Michael Henry Herbert, Madame Hengelmuller, Baroness Moncheur, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Payne, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. White, Mrs. Mc-

The Rev. JAMES H. W. BLAKE.



THE NEW RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH GEORGETOWN.

The Rev. James H. W. Blake, who has been called to the rectorship of the Christ Church parish, Georgetown, to succeed the late Rev. Dr. A. Rhett Stuart, who for thirty years was in charge of the parish, is to preach his first sermon here on Sunday, January 11.

The new rector comes from St. Paul's parish, Akron, Ohio, where he served from 1898 until the year just ended. The Rev. James H. W. Blake was born in Maryland, where he has a host of friends. He is also well acquainted in this city, where he is to make his new home.

He entered the ministry in the early 70's, and after a course of studies was made a deacon in St. Mark's parish, Frederick county, Md., by Bishop Pinckney. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Peterkin in Charlottesville, Va., the year following. The Rev. Mr. Blake then served as rector of Grace Church, Middleway; St. Bartholomew's, Lexington, and Christ Church, Bunker Hill, Jefferson county, W. Va., for a period covering three years, from 1878 to 1881. His next charge was as rector of Trinity parish, Tiffin county, Ohio, from 1881 to 1892. In the latter year he received a call from St. John's parish, Lafayette, Ind., where he remained from 1892 to 1898. From the Indiana town he went to the parish from which he was recently called.

The members of the vestry of St. Paul's Church in Akron at a recent meeting adopted resolutions relative to the departure from the city of Dr. Blake. The vestrymen speak in high terms of his fidelity, regularity and devotion to his work and calling while rector of the parish, and also of the high regard in which he is held by his parishioners. His churchmanship is characterized as "loyal, enlightening and sensible."

In referring to Dr. Blake personally the resolutions are to the effect that, "As a man among men, he has a character distinguished for fine manliness. His standing in this community is high, his living above reproach and his reputation is secure. We find in his life a living proof of the creed he taught from his pulpit. His many friends outside of the immediate circle of the church give ample evidence not only of his Christian character, but of those genial and attractive qualities that make us all 'brother men.'"

The resolutions close with best wishes for Dr. Blake's success in his new field, and with congratulations to Christ Church, Georgetown, on securing him as its rector.

Kenna, Mrs. Lodge, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. Foraker, Mrs. Hanna, Miss Kean, Mrs. Hitt, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Nicholson Anderson, Mrs. Audenried, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wallach, Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mrs. Story, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. John G. Taylor, Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Henry May, Miss Riggs, and Miss Pat-

ten. Dancing began at 10:30, and the program of twenty numbers was as follows:
Waltz, "Vienna Beauties".....Ziehrer
Two-step, "Mr. Dooley".....Schwartz
Waltz, "España".....Waldteufel
Polka, "Under the Bamboo Tree".....Lanciers
Lancers, "Robin Hood".....De Koven
Waltz, "The Serenade".....Robert
Two-step, "Gypsy Queen".....Lanciers
Lancers, "The Jolly Jinks".....Albert
Waltz, "Wedding of the Winds".....Hall
Polka, "General Heywood".....Santelmann
Intermission.

George Howard acted as floor manager, Oden Horstmann as vice chairman. Mr. Howard's aides were Anthony C. Addison, Arthur Addison, Byron S. Adams, Norman Bestor, John M. Biddle, Col. John Biddle, Cist Blair, Woodbury Blair, John S. Blair, Jesse Brown, Robert M. Bohlen, Arthur T. Brice, James G. Blaine, Ludwig von Callenberg, Frederick E. Chapin, Robert S. Chilton, Lieut. Robert S. Clark, Dr. William P. Compton, John Carter, Commander W. S. Cowles, Gen. William Crozier, Dr. Thomas A. Clayton, J. W. Davidge, W. D. Davidge, Jr., Jules A. Demonet, Reginald de Koven, Cleland Davis, Col. Frank Lee Denny, Henry E. Davis, William A. Day, Don Rodrigo de Azpiroz, R. G. N. Dering, Col. Clarence R. Edwards, Frank Ellis, Frederick Evans, F. G. von Frankenstein, Thomas T. Gaff, Arthur Goldsborough, Albert Halstead, George Hellen, William B. Hibbs, William Heywood, Nevil Monroe Hopkins, Frederic L. Huidekoper, Reginald S. Huidekoper, P. S. Hight, Theodore Hansen, Lieut. Thomas H. Jackson, Dr. Ralph Jenkins, Paul E. Johnson, O. H. Perry Johnson, Hon. John Kean, Arthur Keith, Hugh S. Legare, Dr. F. B. Loring, Samuel Maddox, Judge Charles E. Magoon, John H. Magruder, Major Carter Mercer, Dr. Alexander Magruder, Col. Henry May, Major C. L. McCawley, William H. Merriam, Richard T. Merrick, Edward A. Mitchell, Frank P. Mitchell, Clarence Moore, Count von Montgelas, W. L. McPherson, W. E. Montgomery, Hon. E. DeV. Morrell, Dr.

Brilliant Charity Ball at the New Willard---Invitations for Hoy-Rogestvsky Wedding---Receptions, Luncheons, and Teas.

T. Morris Murray, A. Garrison McClintock, Piquette Mitchell, H. Norman, James F. Oyster, John C. O'Donnell, Hon. M. E. Olmsted, Henry F. Oxnard, Col. James Parker, Myron M. Parker, John Van Ness Philip, P. Lee Phillips, H. D. Pierce, Hon. Richard W. Parker, Lieut. James H. Poole, Augusto F. Pulido, Thomas Nelson Page, Arthur Peter, Charles H. Poor, John C. Poor, Gen. Wallace Randolph, Charles Rauscher, Lieut. Col. Samuel Reber, Capt. F. P. Reynolds, Senor Juan Riano, Max W. Rich, Louis Rich, Clara Ray, C. Peyton Russell, Freiherr von Ritter, M. Routschowsky, William C. Shaw, N. S. Simpkins, Col. William A. Simpson, John H. Small, Durham W. Stevens, Joseph I. Saks, Major A. B. Taylor, Corcoran Thom, Ward Thoron, Col. A. C. Tyler, Capt. P. Vignal, Henry Wells, John S. Webb, Charles C. Wauters, John F. Wilkins, Horace H. Westcott, William Wheatley, Ernest Wilkinson, Horace Wylie.

Hot.
Bouillon in Ours.
Chicken Croquettes with French Peas.
Oysters a la Poivrette.
Coffee.
Cold.
Lobster Salad.
Chicken Salad.
Boned Capon.
Assorted Sandwiches.
Fancy Ices.
Desserts.
Petits Fours.
Cornets Chantilly.
Fruit Jellies.

Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, and her house guests came in shortly before midnight and remained until after supper was served. Miss Roosevelt wore a becoming toilet of black mousseline de soie appliqued with lace.

Society in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Alice Morse Earle, of New York, the well known writer on Colonial subjects, who has been spending the holidays at the Acorn Club, 1615 Walnut Street, has returned to her home. On Monday she was the guest of honor at a tea given by Miss Anne Hollingsworth Wharton, at her residence, 1432 Pine Street. Miss Mary Wharton and Mrs. T. Hudson Rich assisted in receiving and Mrs. J. Bertram Lippincott poured tea. Among the guests was Miss Ida Tarbell, author of the "Life of Abraham Lincoln."

Mr. and Mrs. Evans R. Dick gave a large dinner dance last evening at Horticultural Hall, in honor of their daughter, Miss Mildred Dick, a debutante. It was an elaborate affair. About 200 guests arrived at 8 o'clock, and were seated at small tables handsomely decorated with flowers, some with American Beauty roses, another white lilies, another orchids, and another violets. The general effect of the numerous tables, with their candles and colored shades, in the beautifully decorated ball room was quite striking. The cotillon, which was danced in the foyer, was led by Mr. George Brooke, Jr. Mrs. Horace Brock and Mrs. J. Madison Taylor distributed the favors.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wanamaker, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Howard Bremer, will go to Florida on Monday, where they will remain several weeks.

Social Doings in Baltimore.

Mrs. George C. Jenkins, mother of Thomas C. Jenkins, gave last night a large theater party and supper in honor of her son's fiancée, Miss Elsie Woodbury Brown, who is now her guest at her residence, corner Chase and Calvert Streets. The play was "A Chinese Honeymoon," given at the Academy of Music, and supper was served at the Hotel Stafford. At the Stafford the supper was served in the large banquet hall on the second floor, which was transformed into a scene of Oriental beauty. Chinese lanterns, music, and incense gave the effect, which was still further increased when, after the guests had been seated, a number of real Chinamen entered. During the supper they gave Chinese songs and dances.

A large theater party, followed by a supper at his residence, 10 East Biddle Street, was given New Year night by Mr. A. H. S. Post to a number of the young girls and men of his acquaintance. The play enjoyed was "A Chinese Honeymoon" at the Academy of Music, and the party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Post.

The Lord Baltimore Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, of which Miss Louise Schermehorn is president, gave a musicale and reception yesterday afternoon at the Colonial House, on North Charles Street. Among those taking part in the program was Miss Anne Roberts, of Birmingham, Ala., who is visiting Mrs. J. Hough Cottman, and who sang several songs very beautifully. After the music a collation was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley M. Oler will move in from Catonsville shortly, and will be at 1014 Cathedral Street for the next few months.

New York Gossip.

Mr. Arthur Sherburne Hardy, United States minister to Spain, sailed this morning on the Saxonia, with Mrs. Hardy, en route for Berne, Switzerland, where Mr. Hardy will present his letters of recall, leaving thereafter at once for Madrid.

Frank Wilbert Stokes, the artist of

the Swedish south polar expedition, has returned to New York, and will give a reception this afternoon at the studio, 3 North Washington Square.

Col. Oliver H. Payne has returned to town from Georgia, and is at his home, in Fifth Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim are at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. McKim was Miss Margaret Emerson, and her wedding took place on Tuesday of this week. Dr. and Mrs. Emerson joined them yesterday. Dr. McKim and his bride will sail on Tuesday in the Wilhelm der Grosse. Among Dr. Emerson's gifts to his daughter were an automobile and a private car.

Mrs. Theron G. Strong gave last evening a dinner, followed by dancing, for her sons, Theron and Prentice Strong. The latter's engagement to Miss Helen T. Olyphant was announced lately in this column.

Mrs. Edward J. Hancy gave a small cotillon in her residence, at 59 West Fifty-second Street, last evening, for her debutante daughter, Miss Jean C. Hancy. The cotillon was led by Schuyler Scheffelin, who had Miss Hancy as his partner. The favors included small silver hand mirrors and silver pencils, flower-trimmed swords, tiny pink lamps, and small picture frames. There was a buffet supper after the cotillon.

The First Friday Cotillon, organized a year and a half ago, had last night another of the series of dances in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria. The patronesses who received were Mrs. Berkeley Mostyn, Mrs. E. Morgan Grinnell, Mrs. Talbot Olyphant, Mrs. Thomas Sturges, and Mrs. Woodbury Langdon. The cotillon was led by Charles Kneeland. There were floral favors for the girls and fancy stunts for the men. There was a large attendance of members and guests. A seated supper was served after the cotillon.

WATTERSON TAKES NEW YEAR SHOT AT "THE 400"

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 3.—Henry Waterson's New Year editorial takes the form of another shot at the Four Hundred. He had previously declared that the incident had closed, but the recent scandals among the European nobility, together with some comment by various American papers, have moved him to reopen the book. He says, in part:

"Why, look you, gentlemen. We shall have on our hands next summer not only his Belgian nastiness, but mayhap the crown princess and her Frenchman, and brother Leo and his inamorita, whoever she may be. Boris was not a circumstantial to these. Newport will have to give two monkey dinners, and have two monkeys at each dinner."

"We mourn for Oscar—not the King of Sweden and Norway, him of the Waldorf-Astoria. Be sure the brunt will ultimately fall upon him. There come the yacht races in August. After the yacht races the horse show. With the King of the Belgians giving a state dinner in the Astor dining room upstairs, the crown princess and her suite in the South Palm Garden downstairs, what will poor Oscar do?"

"And in the outer corridors all the divoresses sitting round murmuring to one another 'Wouldn't it be just too lovely to be her?' Why bless you, we don't object to that sort of thing in the least, not the least. We rather like it. It's all right if kept within the bounds. We just don't want it spread, that is all."

"The smart set of the East is like a fire in a certain district. The house or houses are doomed; there is no saving them, so the energies of the force are bent to the rescuing of the adjoining tenements. New York, of the city we mean, is able to take care of its own. Newport, being wholly lost, does not mind."

"Its duty the 'Courier-Journal' far out of its duty when it raises its voice now and then to hollar fire' and thus perchance to reduce the area of the conflagration; to keep it where it is; to warn the vulgar and brutal men of its own bailiwick that money cannot always bring immunity from 'misdoing, nor silence scandal; to intimate to light-headed and vain women newly used to riches and untutored in the wickedness of the world that approval of the smart set is their first step downward!'"

LANGDON M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINS

The Langdon M. E. Sunday school held its usual Christmas celebration at the church Wednesday evening in the way of a cantata, entitled "The Old-Fashioned Santa Claus."

L. R. Bland Phelps impersonated the title with much success, while Grant W. Sexton was "Jack Frost" and Susie A. Warren took the part of "Annabelle." The bright fairies were: Misses Susie Harvey, Geneva Mattingly, Bessie Haskell, and Bessie Gouchenour; the Jolly Elves were: Roy Sexton, Sterling March, Harold Gouchenour, and Ralph Andrews; the flower girls were: Gay Godfrey and Gertrude Brauner; the boot-blacks were: Frank Mattingly, Arthur Kause, and Max Haskell. Selma Kause and Ethel Tucker took the parts of Amy and Ethel, while Robert Phelps was Sammy Slim and Robert Kause was Silas Stout.

The entertainment was a success.

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WHITE HOUSE CALLS FALL SHORT OF OTHER YEARS

Line Moved Slowly to Examine Improvements.

The combined power of popular interest in the annual New Year Day reception at the White House and individual curiosity as to how more than half a million dollars had been spent in improvements to the mansion, were still sufficient to attract Thursday a crowd nearly as large as passed through the mansion just a year ago. This fact occasioned considerable comment, and a certain amount of speculation has followed today as to the real reasons for the falling-off in the attendance.

The official attendance Thursday was 6,822, and the line continued passing the President until nearly 3 o'clock. At that time the receiving line consisted of only the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Knox, and Mrs. Payne. Mrs. Hay left early to open her home to the Diplomatic Corps at noon. Mrs. Shaw and Miss Wilson stepped out of the line before 2 o'clock to prepare for the receptions following immediately at their own homes.

Last year 8,100 callers came to pay their respects to the President and receive from him his characteristically hearty handshake. The weather this year was even better than last year, and the arrangements more complete because of the greater facilities for handling the calling line. But the line entered more slowly, in spite of all the efforts of ushers to hasten the procession. This was doubtless because of the general desire to view the new furnishings of the apartments through which the line passed.

Echoes of the reception, whenever heard, are invariably commendatory of the management of the great formal function which ushers in the official season. The plan of having the general guests enter through the north portico, pass the reviewing party, and go through the East Room, basement corridor, and the new east terrace furnished a solution of the problem which has vexed the White House officials for many years. Heretofore this state of affairs has always necessitated the construction of a temporary exit through a window of the north front of the mansion. This awkward and unsightly arrangement is now a thing of the past.

Expression of opinion on the interior improvements to the mansion was, in the main, of an approving sort. The occasional criticism heard seemed small in comparison to the great volume of praise. On the other hand, it may be urged that the greater number of people based their praise on the pleasing effects secured by the bright colors and the new furnishings of the interior. Those who criticized based their remarks on incongruities.

FUNERAL OF COL. DICKEY OCCURS IN NEBRASKA

OMAHA, Jan. 3.—The funeral of Col. John J. Dickey, the Western Union district superintendent here, who died Wednesday, was held yesterday at "Aloha," the family residence. Fifty Western Union officials from all over the country attended the services, among them being:

General Superintendents Cook, of Chicago, and Brooks, of New York; District Superintendents C. H. Bristol, of New York; F. H. Tubbs, of Chicago; I. N. Miller, of Cincinnati; G. J. Frankel, of St. Louis, and L. McMichael, of Minneapolis.

The telegraph offices in Omaha and other cities in Colonel Dickey's district were draped in mourning in honor of the dead chief, who was one of the oldest and most popular telegraph officials in the country.

The floral offerings numbered over a hundred and half filled the room where the casket was placed. One of the handsomest came from the employees of the local Western Union telegraph office. It was five feet high and eight feet in length, a floral telegraph line, the posts in white carnations and the wires of white chenille with the symbolic figures "30" in violets.

Other floral tributes came from nearly every part of the country and were the gifts of business and professional friends in nearly all the callings of life.

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